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SUBJ: US/CANADIAN TUG AND BARGE FIRM ASSIGNS RESIDENT OFFICER

TO SUPERVISE TRANSIT OF ITS VESSELS THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

1. SUMMARY. N RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS FROM ITS MASTERS  
AND INCREASING FRUSTRATION AT SEEMINGLY UNNECESSARY DELAYS  
IN THE TRANSIT OF ITS VESSELS THROUGH SUEZ CANAL,  
GLOBAL TRANSPORT ORGANIZATION (GTO), A JOINT TUG AND  
BARGE VENTURE BETWEEN SEVERAL US/CANADIAN FIRMS, HAS ASSIGNED  
A COMPANY OFFICER TO PORT SAID TO ACT AS RESIDENT SUPERVISOR  
FOR GTO OPERATIONS. IN ADDITION, GTO INTENDS TO ASSIGN A  
US FLAG TUG TO PORT  
SAID TO ASSIST ITS BARGES THROUGH THE  
CANAL AND THEREBY END ITS DEPENDENCE ON SUEZ CANAL  
AUTHORITY (SCA) TUGS. END SUMMARY.

2. CAPTAIN FRED S. C

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INS, A CANADIAN NATIONAL, HAS BEEN  
ASSIGNED FULL-TIME TO PORT SAID BY GTO TO ENSURE THAT ITS  
VESSELS EXPERIENCE MINIMUM DELAY IN TRANSITING THE  
SUEZ CANAL. SCA REGULATIONS, WHICH REQUIRE TUGS  
AND BARGES TO TRANSIT CANAL WITH ESCORT TUG, HAVE  
RESULTED IN EXCESSIVE DELAYS DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF

SCA TUGS ON REGULAR

BASIS. TRANSIT OF TUGS AND BARGES

IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY SCA'S APPARENT FEAR THAT  
BARGES HAVE GREATER POTENTIAL FOR GROUNDING THAN A  
SELF-PROPELLED VESSEL, A FEAR THAT RESULTS IN SCA

WITH HOLDING PERMISSION TO TRANSIT UNTIL WEATHER  
AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ARE NEAR PERFECT.

3. TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM, GTO WILL ASSIGN THE US

FLAG TUG APACHIE TO PORT SAID TO PROVIDE ESCORT FOR ALL  
GTO TUGS AND BARGES TRANSITING CANAL. APACHIE, A  
TWIN SCREW, 3500 HP SEA-GOING TUG, HAS RECEIVED SCA  
PERMISSION TO OPERATE OUT OF PORT SAID FOR THIS PURPOSE  
AND TO BE AVAILABLE ON A SHORT-TERM CHARTER BASIS FOR  
EMERGENCY SALVAGE WORK. THOUGH APACHIE WILL INITIALLY

HAVE US CREW, GTO HOPES TO QUICKLY SUBSTITUTE EGYPTIAN  
SEAMEN AND OFFICERS.

4. GTO IS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN FEDERAL COMMERCE  
AND NAVIGATION COMPANY, CROWLEY MARITIME CORP.,  
AND GENSTAR OVERSEAS, ORGANIZED TO PROVIDE RO/RO  
BARGE SERVICE BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND GULF PORTS. COLLINS  
EXPECTS TO HAVE TEN BARGES IN SERVICE BY MID-YEAR  
WITH AT LEAST ONE BARGE TRANSITING CANAL WEEKLY.  
ORGANIZATIONALLY, FEDERAL COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION  
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IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, CROWLEY  
MARITIME FOR OPERATIONS PERSONNEL, AND GENSTAR

OVERSEAS FOR FINANCING. EACH COMPANY SUPPLIES 1/3 OF  
FLOATING EQUIPMENT.

5. FOR

COMSIXTHFLT AND CINCUSNAVEUR: CAPTAIN COLLINS  
HAS INDICATED THAT TUG APACHIE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO  
USN VESSELS ON A CONTRACT BASIS WHEN OTHERWISE STANDING  
IDLE. GTO/PORT SAID CAN BE REACHED VIA TELEX 4195, PORT  
SAID SHIPPING, ATTENTION CAPTAIN COLLINS - GTO.  
SIGNED SURBER.  
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